



New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Title	10	Human Services	
Chapter	133G	Client Information	5/21/2007
Subchapter:	4	Disclosure Of Information To The Media And Public About A Child Fatality Or Near Fatality	
Section	2	Who may disclose information to the media or a member of the public about a child fatality or near ... (N.J.A.C. 10:133G-4.2)	

§10:133G-4.2 Who may disclose information to the media or a member of the public about a child fatality or near fatality

(a) The Department of Children and Families' Office of Public Information shall direct and control the release of information to the media about a child fatality or near fatality investigated by the Division or determined by the Division to be the result of abuse or neglect. Information shall be disclosed by the Director or designee or a representative of the Department's Office of Public Information. No other representative of the Division or the Department shall disclose information to the media or a member of the public about a child fatality or near fatality unless specifically authorized to do so by the Director or designee or the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families.

(b) The media may request information about a child fatality or near fatality either verbally or in writing. The media shall direct the request to the Department of Children and Families' Office of Public Information.

1. The Director of the Division of Youth and Family Services or a representative of the Department of Children and Families' Office of Public Information shall provide information verbally to a representative of the media about a child fatality or near fatality, within the parameters established by this chapter, upon confirming that the requester is a representative of the media.

(c) A member of the public shall make a request for information about a child fatality or near fatality in writing to the Office of the Director, Division of Youth and Family Services. If the requester claims to represent an agency, he or she shall make the request for information on official agency letterhead in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:133G-3.4(a)1.

1. The Director or designee shall respond, in writing, within the parameters established by this chapter, to a written request from a member of the public for information about a child fatality or near fatality.

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